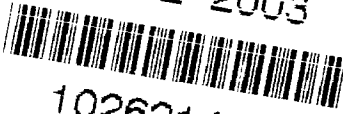


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FINANCE SECTION

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):
Lartnec Investment Co.
Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):
Name: Amerus Life Insurance Company
Internal Address:

3. Nature of conveyance:
 Assignment Merger
 Security Agreement Change of Name
 Other

Street Address: 611 Fifth Avenue
City: Des Moines State: Iowa
ZIP: 50266
Country: USA

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No
Designation of Domestic Representative attached?

Execution Date: November 20, 1996

4. Application number(s) or registration number(s)

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is _____.

A. Trademark Application No.(s)

B. Trademark Registration No.(s)

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Additional numbers attached? Yes No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed: Monica Richman, Esq.
BROWN RAYSMAN MILLSTEIN FELDER & STEINER LLP
900 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10022
(212) 895-2000

6. Total number of applications and registrations involved: 3

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41):..... \$ 90.00
 Check enclosed
 Authorized to be charged to deposit account

8. Deposit account number: 502312
(Attach duplicate copy of this page by deposit account)
Please charge any additional fees required, or credit any overpayment, to the above deposit account

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9. Statement and signature.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document

Monica Richman
Name of Person Signing

Signature

December 1, 2003
Date

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ARTICLES OF MERGER
OF
LARTNEC INVESTMENT CO.
INTO
AMERUS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Pursuant to Section 1105 of the Iowa Business Corporation Act, the undersigned corporations adopt the following articles of merger.

1. That attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A" is the Plan of Merger (the "Plan") whereby Lartnec Investment Co. ("LICO") will be merged with and into AmerUs Life Insurance Company ("ALIC"). The name of the surviving corporation shall be AmerUs Life Insurance Company.
- 2A. At a special meeting of the shareholders of LICO, duly called and held on November 20, 1996, at which meeting all of the shareholders were present and voted unanimously for adoption of the Plan.
- 2B. At a special meeting of the shareholders of ALIC, duly called and held on November 20, 1996, at which meeting all of the shareholders were present and voted unanimously for adoption of the Plan.
3. The effective date and time of this document shall be 11:00 A.M., on November 20, 1996.

(Signatures to follow on Page 2.)

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Exhibit "A"

PLAN OF MERGER

THIS PLAN OF MERGER (the "Plan") dated as of this 20th day of November, 1996, for the merger of LARTNEC INVESTMENT CO., an Iowa corporation, having its principal office at 4949 Westown Parkway, Suite 245, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266 ("LICO") and AMERUS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, an Iowa corporation, having its principal office at 611 Fifth Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50266-1066 ("ALIC"). LICO and ALIC are hereinafter sometimes collectively called the "Constituent Corporations".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of each of the Constituent Corporations deems it advisable for the welfare and best interests of said corporations that LICO be merged with and into ALIC on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto hereby adopt and agree to the following agreements, terms and conditions relating to the merger contemplated hereby (the "Merger") and the mode of carrying the Merger into effect.

1. General.

(a) Merger. At the Effective Time (as defined in subparagraph (f) below), LICO will be merged with and into ALIC, as provided herein, in accordance with the laws of the State of Iowa, ALIC shall be the surviving corporation of the Merger (in its capacity as surviving corporation being sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "Surviving Corporation"). The name of the Surviving Corporation shall be "AmerUs Life Insurance Company.". At the Effective Time, the separate existence of LICO shall cease. All the properties, franchises and chooses in action belonging to LICO, by virtue of the Merger and without further act or deed, shall be deemed to be vested in ALIC as the corporation surviving the Merger and ALIC shall thenceforth be responsible for all liabilities of LICO.

The Surviving Corporation shall continue to exist by virtue of and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Iowa and shall have all of the rights, privileges, immunities, powers and franchises and shall be subject to all of the duties and liabilities granted or imposed by Chapter 490 of Title XII of the Code of Iowa (1995), and any regulations thereunder; the surviving corporation shall possess all the rights, privileges, immunities, powers and franchises of a public as well as of a private nature of LICO and all property, real, personal and mixed, and all debts due on whatever account, including all chooses in action and all and every other interest of or belonging to or due to LICO shall be taken and deemed to be transferred to and vested in the Surviving Corporation without further act or deed; and the title to any real estate, or interest therein, vested in LICO shall not revert or be in any way impaired by reason of the Merger. The Surviving Corporation shall thenceforth be responsible and liable for all the liabilities and obligations of LICO; and any claim existing or

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(b) Articles of Incorporation. From the Effective Time, the Articles of Incorporation of ALIC as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time shall continue unchanged as the Articles of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation.

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(f) Effective Time. The Merger shall become effective as of 11:00 a.m., on November 20, 1996 and Articles of Merger shall be filed pursuant to §490 of the Code of Iowa (1995) with the Secretary of State of the State of Iowa.

2. Further Assurances. From the Effective Time, the officers and directors of ALIC are hereby authorized, in the name of the corporations which were the Constituent Corporations of the Merger, to execute, acknowledge and deliver all instruments and to do all acts and things as may, at any time, be deemed necessary or desirable to vest in ALIC any property or rights of either of the Constituent Corporations to the Merger or to carry out any of the purposes expressed in this Agreement.

3. Headings. The descriptive headings of the several paragraphs of this Plan of Merger are inserted for convenience only and do not constitute a part of this Plan of Merger.

4. Governing Law. This Plan of Merger shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Iowa.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the Constituent Corporations to this Plan of Merger have caused this instrument to be executed by their respective officers, hereunto duly authorized, as of the date and year first written above.

LARTNEC INVESTMENT CO.

By: _____
Roger W. Langpaul, Vice President

AMERUS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

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LARTNEC INVESTMENT CO.

By: 
Roger W. Langpaul, Vice President

AMERUS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

By: 
D T Doan, President

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